

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 700
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Jack Campbell on the occasion
of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who, in their years of work, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jack Campbell is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for thirty-one years as the second President of Walters State Community College (WSCC); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jack Campbell will be taking a much deserved retirement and will be sorely missed by his colleagues, staff, students and their families; and

WHEREAS, a native of Johnson City, Dr. Campbell earned a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education, a Master's degree in Educational Administration from East Tennessee State University, a second Master's degree in Guidance and Educational Psychology at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, and a Doctorate of Education degree in Higher Education Administration at the University of Mississippi in Oxford; and

WHEREAS, beginning his career in public education, Dr. Campbell started as a teacher in the Kingsport City School System; he later became the Director of Student Personnel Services and Dean of the College at Calhoun State Community College in Decatur, Alabama, before assuming his role as President of WSCC in 1974; and

WHEREAS, during his meritorious tenure as President of WSCC, Dr. Campbell has provided distinguished leadership and dedication to the college and to its ten county service area by providing access to all citizens at its multiple campus locations, reaching enrollment of over 6,200 credit degree-seeking students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Campbell's commitment to excellence and continuous improvement is evident in the growth of WSCC since 1974, which today has four campus sites, a Great Smoky Mountains Expo Center, and a Regional Law Enforcement Academy; the college has over 600 employees and an annual operating budget in excess of \$40 million; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable and ambitious individual established a nursing education program at WSCC in 1975, and under his leadership, it has become the college's flagship program and one of the nation's leaders in producing nurses; and

WHEREAS, during Dr. Campbell's tenure, the college's public safety division has become one of the premier public safety training programs in the State, and through this program, Walters State Basic Law Enforcement Academy has trained over 2,000 cadets from police and sheriff's departments from across the State; and

WHEREAS, he has increased community involvement in the college through the establishment of the WSCC Foundation, which has assets totaling \$12.5 million, even after spending over \$8 million to construct a building on the Sevier County Campus; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Dr. Campbell has received State and national recognition for his leadership abilities, including being named one of the Nation's most effective Chief Executives in higher education in a study funded through Exxon Education Foundation in 1986; under his expert leadership, WSCC has been recognized as one of Tennessee's most outstanding institutions of higher education; and

WHEREAS, he also received the prestigious honor of being named President Emeritus by the Tennessee Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jack Campbell is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including serving as Vice Chair of the Morristown Industrial Board and as a member of the Board of Directors of Jefferson Federal Bank, the Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce, which he also served as President, and the Walters State Foundation Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jack Campbell has contributed his time and numerous talents in lending his support to the Morristown-Hamblen Healthcare System Board of Directors for six years, during which time he served knowledgeably as Vice President for a year and as President for four years; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Dr. Campbell is most grateful for the loving companionship he shares with his wife, Diane, and his two children, son and daughter-in-law, Bradford and Laura, and daughter Kellie; he is the proud grandfather of grandson Cooper Campbell; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jack Campbell exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Dr. Jack Campbell has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Dr. Jack Campbell for his superb leadership through three decades as President of Walters State Community College and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.